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Introduction

The National Homelessness Information System (NHIS) is a data development initiative of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) that focuses on the collection and analysis of data related to emergency homeless shelter usage in Canada. Such data is necessary for measuring the progress communities are making towards the reduction of homelessness.

The Homelessness Partnering (HP) Secretariat has compiled the National Shelter List, the most comprehensive list of emergency homeless shelters in Canada, since 2001. The National Shelter List does *not* contain a comprehensive list of transitional and Violence Against Women (VAW) shelters.

Below are definitions for the terms used in the following tables.

Emergency Shelters are defined as facilities providing temporary and short-term accommodation for homeless individuals and families, which may include essential services such as food, clothing and counselling.

Regular Beds refers to permanent emergency shelter beds. Overflow beds are not counted in this report.

There are five **Emergency Shelter Types** reported for each community. These classifications are based on self-reports from service providers.

- **General:** may provide shelter services to any combination of men, women, youth or families.
- **Men's:** provide shelter services to adult men.
- **Women's:** provide shelter services to adult women.
- **Youth:** provide shelter services to youth. As this is self-reported, the definition of youth at various shelters may range anywhere between 12 and 29 years of age.
- **Family:** provide shelter services to families and adults with dependants; however, some may also accept single adult women.

This document provides shelter capacity statistics from the National Shelter List as of November 30, 2010. Emergency shelter statistics are organized by province or territory. Within each province or territory, HPS designated communities[1] are listed first, followed by other communities. Communities are listed alphabetically within these categories.

[1] There are 61 HPS designated communities in Canada. A designated community is one that has been identified as having a significant challenge with homelessness. As such, it is able to access multi-year funding under the HPS, with matching funds from other sources.

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Note: Although the Homelessness Partnering Secretariat has made every effort to provide accurate and complete information in this document, some of the information may be incomplete. Any inaccuracies or omissions should be reported so that they can be resolved in future releases.

National Summary

	Emergency Shelters	Regular Beds
Newfoundland and Labrador	5	64
Nova Scotia	6	190
New Brunswick	7	166
Prince Edward Island	2	12
Quebec	90	2,143
Ontario	132	6,468
Manitoba	12	624
Saskatchewan	18	379
Alberta	37	2,950
British Columbia	80	2,078
Yukon	3	16
Northwest Territories	4	89
Nunavut	1	20
CANADA	**397**	**15,199**

Emergency Shelter Type Summary

	General		Men's		Women's		Youth		Family		Total	
	Shelters	Regular Beds	Shelters	Regular Beds	Shelters	Regular Beds	Shelters	Regular Beds	Shelters	Regular Beds	Shelters	Regular Beds
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	4	1	20	0	0	2	17	1	23	**5**	**64**
Nova Scotia	0	0	3	134	2	36	1	20	0	0	**6**	**190**
New Brunswick	2	60	2	82	2	22	1	2	0	0	**7**	**166**
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	6	1	6	0	0	0	0	**2**	**12**
Quebec	27	556	11	899	13	224	32	390	7	74	**90**	**2,143**
Ontario	26	794	34	2,936	24	818	31	691	17	1,229	**132**	**6,468**
Manitoba	9	527	0	0	0	0	2	24	1	73	**12**	**624**
Saskatchewan	2	39	5	119	8	197	2	7	1	17	**18**	**379**
Alberta	15	2,047	5	512	4	152	12	209	1	30	**37**	**2,950**
British Columbia	37	1,036	14	561	13	277	11	125	5	79	**80**	**2,078**
Yukon	1	10	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0	**3**	**16**
Northwest Territories	2	54	0	0	0	0	1	10	1	25	**4**	**89**
Nunavut	0	0	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**	**20**
Total	**122**	**5,127**	**77**	**5,289**	**68**	**1,734**	**96**	**1,499**	**34**	**1,550**	**397**	**15,199**

In Canada, half of emergency shelters and nearly 70% of emergency shelter beds fall into either the general or men's category. Despite there being a larger proportion of youth shelters in Canada (24%) than women's (17%) or family shelters (9%), each accounts for approximately 10% of the shelter beds.

Men's and women's emergency shelters are not unlike general shelters, the difference being that they cater to a specific population based on gender. Many of the provinces and territories with a small number of general shelters have a large number of gender-specific emergency shelters, and vice versa. Nationally, there are more emergency shelters and beds available for single men than for single women. For the purpose of this report, Violence Against Women shelters (VAW) are not included.

Family shelters account for 9% of all emergency shelters. Shelters that accept single women as well as women with children are not included in the family shelter category but have been defined as women's shelters in this report. While youth shelters account for 24% of all emergency shelters, they have, on average, the smallest number of beds per shelter (approximately 15). The other types of shelters have average bed capacities ranging from 25 to 68.

Newfoundland and Labrador

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total **Shelters**	**Beds**	***General*** Shelters	Beds	***Men's*** Shelters	Beds	***Women's*** Shelters	Beds	***Youth*** Shelters	Beds	***Family*** Shelters	Beds
St. John's	**5**	**64**	1	4	1	20	0	0	2	17	1	23
DC Total	**5**	**64**										

Nova Scotia

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total **Shelters**	**Beds**	***General*** Shelters	Beds	***Men's*** Shelters	Beds	***Women's*** Shelters	Beds	***Youth*** Shelters	Beds	***Family*** Shelters	Beds
Halifax	**5**	**180**	0	0	2	124	2	36	1	20	0	0
Sydney/Cape Breton	**1**	**10**	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
DC Total	**6**	**190**										

New Brunswick

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total **Shelters**	**Beds**	***General*** Shelters	Beds	***Men's*** Shelters	Beds	***Women's*** Shelters	Beds	***Youth*** Shelters	Beds	***Family*** Shelters	Beds
Fredericton	**2**	**49**	0	0	1	40	1	9	0	0	0	0
Moncton	**2**	**60**	2	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint John	**2**	**55**	0	0	1	42	1	13	0	0	0	0
DC Total	**6**	**164**										

Other communities (OC)

	Total **Shelters**	**Beds**	***General*** Shelters	Beds	***Men's*** Shelters	Beds	***Women's*** Shelters	Beds	***Youth*** Shelters	Beds	***Family*** Shelters	Beds
Miramichi	**1**	**2**	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
OC Total	**1**	**2**										

Prince Edward Island

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total **Shelters**	**Beds**	***General*** Shelters	Beds	***Men's*** Shelters	Beds	***Women's*** Shelters	Beds	***Youth*** Shelters	Beds	***Family*** Shelters	Beds
Charlottetown	**2**	**12**	0	0	1	6	1	6	0	0	0	0
DC Total	**2**	**12**										

Quebec

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Drummondville	**1**	**9**	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0
Gatineau/Outaouais	**2**	**71**	1	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Montréal	**40**	**1,299**	6	93	4	724	9	175	18	256	3	51
Québec City	**12**	**226**[2]	3	34[3]	2	117	3	41	4	34	0	0
Saguenay/Lac-Saint-Jean	**4**	**60**	2	45	1	6	0	0	1	9	0	0
Sherbrooke	**4**	**83**	2	67	0	0	1	8	1	8	0	0
Trois-Rivières	**3**	**151**	2	140	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0
DC Total	**66**	**1,899**										

Other communities (OC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Amos	**1**	**8**	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baie-Comeau	**1**	**17**	0	0	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fermont	**1**	**6**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Granby	**1**	**15**	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	0
Grand-Mère	**1**	**9**	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ham Sud	**1**	**17**	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joliette	**3**	**31**	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	0
La Tuque	**1**	**9**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Mont-Laurier	**1**	**8**	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

[2] Bed count was not available for one shelter, thus the total inventory of regular beds represents counts from 11 of 12 shelters.
[3] Bed count was not available for one shelter, thus the total inventory of regular beds represents counts from 2 of 3 shelters.

Quebec

Other communities (OC) continued

	Total **Shelters**	**Beds**	***General*** Shelters	Beds	***Men's*** Shelters	Beds	***Women's*** Shelters	Beds	***Youth*** Shelters	Beds	***Family*** Shelters	Beds
Rouyn-Noranda	**1**	**15**	0	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roxton Falls	**2**	**11**[4]	1	N/A[5]	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint-Eugènes-de-Guigues	**1**	**14**	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint-Georges	**2**	**17**	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schefferville	**1**	**5**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Sept-Îles	**1**	**3**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Shawinigan	**1**	**10**	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thetford Mines	**1**	**10**	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valleyfield	**1**	**18**	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victoriaville	**2**	**21**	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	0
OC Total	**24**	**244**										

[4] Bed count was not available for one shelter, thus the total inventory of regular beds represents counts from 1 of 2 shelters.
[5] Bed count was not available for this shelter.

Ontario

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total **Shelters**	**Beds**	***General*** Shelters	Beds	***Men's*** Shelters	Beds	***Women's*** Shelters	Beds	***Youth*** Shelters	Beds	***Family*** Shelters	Beds
Barrie-Simcoe	**3**	**55**	1	20	1	20	0	0	1	15	0	0
Brantford	**2**	**58**	0	0	1	38	0	0	1	20	0	0
Dufferin Region	**1**	**20**	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	0
Durham Region	**2**	**53**	0	0	1	40	0	0	1	13	0	0
Guelph	**5**	**69**	0	0	1	18	1	8	1	8	2	35
Halton Region	**2**	**37**	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Hamilton	**6**	**329**	0	0	3	195	1	11	1	20	1	103
Kingston	**5**	**68**	2	35	1	8	1	10	1	15	0	0
London	**5**	**392**	1	30	2	290	1	31	0	0	1	41
Niagara Region	**7**	**155**	3	83	0	0	2	40	2	32	0	0
Nipissing/North Bay	**3**	**33**	1	19	0	0	1	10	0	0	1	4
Ottawa	**12**	**952**	2	46	3	505	3	117	2	24	2	260
Peel Region	**3**	**232**	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2	218
Peterborough	**4**	**85**	0	0	1	40	1	15	1	15	1	15
Sault Ste.Marie	**3**	**56**	1	24	1	24	0	0	1	8	0	0
Sudbury	**4**	**88**	0	0	1	36	0	0	2	27	1	25
Thunder Bay	**2**	**59**	1	42	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	**41**	**3,201**	5	295	13	1,521	10	551	9	394	4	440
Waterloo Region	**6**	**169**	1	40	1	39	0	0	3	30	1	60
Windsor	**4**	**92**	2	25	1	56	1	11	0	0	0	0
York Region	**4**	**76**	0	0	1	29	0	0	2	27	1	20
DC Total	**124**	**6,279**										

Ontario

Other communities (OC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Brampton	**1**	**60**	0	0	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lindsay	**1**	**19**	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Owen Sound	**1**	**25**	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parry Sound	**1**	**10**	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0
Sarnia	**3**	**55**	2	46	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0
Sioux Lookout	**1**	**20**	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OC Total	**8**	**189**										

Manitoba

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Brandon	**2**	**6**	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson	**1**	**14**	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg	**6**	**535**	3	438	0	0	0	0	2	24	1	73
DC Total	**9**	**555**										

Other communities (OC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Dauphin	**1**	**9**	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flin Flon	**1**	**26**	1	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Pas	**1**	**34**	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OC Total	**3**	**69**										

Saskatchewan

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Prince Albert	**4**	**102**	1	27	0	0	1	8	0	0	2	67
Regina	**5**	**116**	1	5	2	37	2	74	0	0	0	0
Saskatoon	**7**	**121**	0	0	2	54	3	60	2	7	0	0
DC Total	**16**	**339**										

Other communities (OC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Lloydminster	**1**	**28**	0	0	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moose Jaw	**1**	**12**	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OC Total	**2**	**40**										

Alberta

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Calgary	**10**	**1,606**	4	1,251	2	304	1	6	3	45	0	0
Edmonton	**11**	**882**	3	287	3	335	2	145	3	115	0	0
Grande Prairie	**2**	**72**	1	62	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0
Lethbridge	**2**	**93**	1	85	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0
Medicine Hat	**2**	**36**	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	30
Red Deer	**3**	**51**	2	43	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0
Wood Buffalo	**6**	**190**	2	120	1	52	1	1	2	17	0	0
DC Total	**36**	**2,930**										

Other communities (OC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
High Level	**1**	**20**	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OC Total	**1**	**20**										

British Columbia

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total **Shelters**	**Beds**	***General*** Shelters	Beds	***Men's*** Shelters	Beds	***Women's*** Shelters	Beds	***Youth*** Shelters	Beds	***Family*** Shelters	Beds
Greater Vancouver	**41**	**1,383**	14	633	10	431	9	204	6	85	2	30
Kamloops	**3**	**52**	0	0	1	38	1	8	1	6	0	0
Kelowna	**2**	**80**	0	0	1	60	1	20	0	0	0	0
Nanaimo	**2**	**43**	1	23	0	0	1	20	0	0	0	0
Nelson	**1**	**17**	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prince George	**2**	**40**	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	1	30
Victoria	**5**	**148**	1	84	1	21	1	25	1	10	1	8
DC Total	**56**	**1,763**										

Other communities (OC)

	Total **Shelters**	**Beds**	***General*** Shelters	Beds	***Men's*** Shelters	Beds	***Women's*** Shelters	Beds	***Youth*** Shelters	Beds	***Family*** Shelters	Beds
Abbotsford	**2**	**24**	1	20	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Campbell River	**2**	**48**	2	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chetwynd	**1**	**3**	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chilliwack	**2**	**21**	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	1	11
Courtenay	**1**	**14**	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dawson Creek	**1**	**8**	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

British Columbia

Other communities (OC) continued

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Fort Nelson	**1**	**6**	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort St. John	**2**	**21**	2	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hope	**1**	**2**	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	**1**	**22**	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penticton	**1**	**11**	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Alberni	**2**	**20**	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prince Rupert	**1**	**10**	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quesnel	**1**	**10**	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smithers	**1**	**9**	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Squamish	**1**	**15**	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Terrace	**1**	**16**	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vernon	**1**	**25**	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams Lake	**1**	**30**	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OC Total	**24**	**315**										

Yukon

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Whitehorse	**2**	**14**	1	10	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
DC Total	**2**	**14**										

Other communities (OC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Dawson City	**1**	**2**	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
OC Total	**1**	**2**										

Northwest Territories

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Yellowknife	**4**	**89**	2	54	0	0	0	0	1	10	1	25
DC Total	**4**	**89**										

Nunavut

HPS designated communities (DC)

	Total		***General***		***Men's***		***Women's***		***Youth***		***Family***	
	Shelters	**Beds**	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds	Shelters	Beds
Iqaluit	**1**	**20**	0	0	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
DC Total	**1**	**20**										